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For : EXHAUST GAS PROCESSING DEVICE, AND METHOD OF  
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP04/000872, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report in English was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on June 30, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2004-85089, together with an English language abstract of the same;

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Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-228139, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 61-38617, together with an abstract of patent family member French Patent Publication No. FR 2 564 746; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-238127, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application.

Further, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No.10/530,471 to MURAMOTO et al., which was filed on April 6, 2005.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, a copy of the U.S. patent application is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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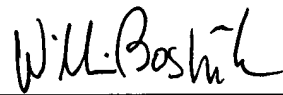
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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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